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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CLEAN UP AND INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING AND
ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT LAUMAILE STREET IN KALIHI AND THE
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO PREVENT
ILLEGAL DUMPING AND ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE AREA.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that illegal dumping of
2 trash on Laumaile Street, in Kalihi, Oahu, and in or around
3 nearby area streams, is an ongoing concern that has frustrated
4 Kalihi area residents for several years; and
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6 WHEREAS, this illegal dumping adversely affects not only
7 the Kalihi area but all areas downstream and, according to the
8 City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental
9 Services' Adopt-A-Stream program, when dumped materials get into
10 the stream cycle, they decompose and eliminate critical, life-
11 giving oxygen from the water, which causes streams to become
12 unpleasant and emit bad odors; and
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14 WHEREAS, dumping on Laumaile Street and in nearby area
15 streams is not only unsightly, but a pollution problem as items
16 such as yard waste, construction debris, fertilizers and
17 pesticides, and even dog waste can pollute the water, making it
18 unsanitary for humans and wildlife; and
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20 WHEREAS, accumulated trash in the area also invites vermin,
21 including rodents, which adds to the public health concern; and
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23 WHEREAS, the source of this illegal dumping includes area
24 residents and others who have been seen driving into the area
25 just to dump trash and those persons may consist of individuals,
26 construction or landscaping contractors, waste management
27 companies, automobile repair shops, and scrap collectors; and
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29 WHEREAS, although the Legislature adopted S.C.R. No. 89,
30 S.D. 1, during the Regular Session of 2009, requesting the
31 cleanup of Laumaile Street, the trash and illegal structures



1 have returned to the area, necessitating a renewed effort to
2 clean up the area and prevent future illegal dumping and illegal
3 structures; and
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5 WHEREAS, there are state laws that address waste disposal
6 and littering, but enforcement of anti-dumping statutes is a
7 challenge because waste dumping can occur at any time of the
8 day, including very early morning hours; and
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10 WHEREAS, this body finds that the State, through the
11 Department of Health, and the City, through the City and County
12 of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services, have
13 overlapping jurisdiction over solid waste dumping and water
14 pollution in this area, which can cause confusion when the
15 public attempts to call in a complaint; and
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17 WHEREAS, a public survey conducted by the City and County
18 of Honolulu found that ninety-one percent of residents described
19 illegal dumping as a "somewhat or very serious" problem, yet the
20 same percentage of people had never reported an incident of
21 illegal dumping; and
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23 WHEREAS, this body finds that a coordinated effort between
24 state and city agencies tasked with enforcing compliance with
25 state anti-dumping laws is essential to investigate this ongoing
26 problem, coordinate a thorough cleanup of the area, and develop
27 measures to prevent illegal dumping at this site in the future;
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30 WHEREAS, illegal structures along Laumaile Street are also
31 a concern to area residents, as well as a potential public
32 health and safety concern; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
36 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
37 Health's Clean Water Branch and Solid and Hazardous Waste
38 Branch, the Honolulu Police Department, and the City and County
39 of Honolulu's Departments of Environmental Services and Planning
40 and Permitting are requested to investigate illegal dumping and
41 illegal structures along Laumaile Street in Kalihi and to
42 coordinate the cleanup, pollution prevention, and enforcement of



1 pollution, anti-dumping, and other applicable laws in that area;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, Chief
 5 of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and Director of the
 6 Department of Environmental Services are requested to jointly
 7 report on the measures taken to address illegal dumping and
 8 illegal structures in the Laumaile Street area and to report
 9 their findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later
 10 than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of
 11 2016; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
 15 Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and Directors
 16 of the Departments of Environmental Services and Planning and
 17 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.
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